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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
4 September 2014**

Present:

Feargal Hynes (President) FH
Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF
Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC
Conor Rock (Arts Convenor) CR
Laura Brohan (Business & Law Convenor) LB
Cian Byrne (Engineering and Architecture Convenor) CB
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD
Dave McElliot (Science Convenor) DME
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB

In Attendance: Devin Finneran (Secretary of Students' Union Council)

Meeting starts at 6.10pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved

Directors

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Questions on Reports

President

CR – What is College X?

FH – Previously it was known as the ‘Buddy System’, it’s a fourteen week long programme which incorporates all college activity with most events being non-alcoholic. It is aimed towards International and first year students.

CR – Could you elaborate on the coffee house sessions? Would it be possible to host these a little bit earlier to accommodate those students who commute?

FH – The coffee house sessions will be held in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. It will be an open mic night held in the Arts Café and it will give students/staff an opportunity to showcase their talent in a relaxed setting. Free tea and coffee will be provided so we need to ensure that the Arts Café will not lose potential customers but we will look into holding it a little earlier. Events like this take place all over the city, a prime example being the Monday Echo.

Undergraduate Education

CR – With regards to the books which are on sale, would it be possible to sort them out into ones relative to each faculty and then host sales?

AF – I’d have no problem in doing so as long as the convenors give commitment.

CR – Grindsfile, is this where third level students give grinds to secondary school pupils?

AF – The grinds advertised on the SU website are for students in third level. This type of grind is beneficial to both the tutor and student.

DME – For the final year welcomes, when are they and should convenors get involved?

AF – Convenors are welcome to get involved, the talks are taking place in week one

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and it would be great if you would let me know the busiest final year classes in each faculty.

Engineering and Architecture

DME – It would be a good idea if the business hosting the bubble soccer would be willing to do a discounted price if other convenors booked in similar trips.

CB – That's a good idea, I will need to ring again and possibly visit the site before I book anything!

Items to be Discussed

1) Increasing Digital Learning Environment

AF – From reviewing the student feedback reports it was found that lecturers are not using the technology available to them. A programme has been developed in order to offer a cyclical process where students teach lecturers. This programme will provide both teaching and learning benefits. It is an optional programme and in the early days, only the lecturers that are willing to participate will be targeted.

MDS – Many tutors are well equipped but if applicable they will be offered a place in the programme.

AF – It will effectively be known as an IT boot camp.

AC – One day won't solve the problem, it will need to be done over a series of tutorials.

FH – Do people think this would be a good programme to get involved with?

It is agreed to work on the programme in principle.

AF to bring more details as the programme is developed.

2) Book Strategy

AF – The book shop strategy will need to be promoted through lecture addressing and class pages.

CB – Is it possible to circulate a list of books available per faculty?

AF – The list of books is available online and the programme offices have been contacted to ensure they know it is an available service for students.

FH – Localised selling of the books should be promoted. We will follow up with more details as it rolls out.

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3) Niteline Reply

MDS – We received a reply. They apologise about the meetings which were missed and suggested that a trial period was implemented. The services of PleaseTalk were noted.

A discussion occurred and the previous decision to disaffiliate was upheld.

4) IRFU

MDS – It was suggested that at least one touch rugby team was made in each faculty. Staff from the IRFU will meet exec next Thursday at 5pm.

5) Class Rep Recruitment and Elections

FH – From the 5th September this programme will be focussed on, localised campaigns will be developed and we will arrange for a talk to be held with the college orientation guides.

Convenors are asked to send their specialised recruitment plans to FH and AF.

6) Budget

A discussion occurred surrounding the SU budget for the 2014/15 academic year.

Vote: The budget was unanimously passed by the Executive team.

7) Orientation Debrief

The executive had a discussion on the high and low points of how orientation week went. It was agreed that the Clever Cuisine BBQ and band on the steps was a great idea and was hugely successful.

Items to be Noted

- 1) Meeting with staff of the IRFU will take place at 5pm, Thursday, 11 September.
- 2) The Freshers' Ball will take place in the Astra Hall, Atrium and Clubhouse Bar complex.

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Any Other Business

1) Online Voting

FH – The constitution doesn't permit Exec elections to be done via electronic voting. It would be a logistical nightmare to use during the class rep elections but we will bring this topic up for discussion in the second semester.

2) Academic Council

AC – If you haven't already please get back to AC as to whether you wish to accept your seat on academic council.

FH – It is important to be committed with regards to attendance and being informed.

3) Revision

CB – Will there be an exam tips booklet this year?

AF – It will be printed and ready for distribution for Week 10 of the first Semester as part of the revision roadshow.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 4 September at 6pm in the Union Boardroom.

Meeting Ends: 7:40pm, Thursday, 4 September.

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